

**Minutes
Flatonia City Council
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2021**

Present:

Mayor	Bryan Milson
Councilpersons	Catherine Steinhauser Mark Eversole Dennis Geesaman Ginny Sears Allen Kocian
City Staff	Sarah Novo – City Manager Angela Beck – City Attorney Jack Pavlas, Utilities Director Lee Dick, Police Chief Heather Ambrose – City Secretary

OPENING AGENDA

Call to Order:

Mayor Milson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge:

The invocation was led by Council and Mayor Bryan Milson led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Citizen's Participation:

Citizen Susan Ivey spoke related to the topic of streetlights. Ms. Ivey explained that when she comes home after dark it is difficult to see the area, including where to turn. Ms. Ivey added that she thinks there has been some increase in crime in the area and she requests that the City consider lighting improvements to help with the problem.

REPORTS

Police Department Activity Report *February 2021*
Chief Lee Dick was in attendance. Nothing new was added.

Utility Department Activity Report *February 2021*
Utility Director Jack Pavlas was in attendance. Nothing new was added.

City Manager's Report *February 2021*
City Manager Sarah Novo was in attendance. City Manager Novo added that she appreciated the team effort in gathering information related to the streetlights. Next month Ms. Novo hopes to have the online utility payment system up and running.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Approve the reappointment of Shawn Bruns, Ginny Sears, Kate Horn, and David Zapalac to serve on the Flatonia Parks Board Commission for a term commencing on the appointment date and ending on April, 2023.

Catherine Steinhauser made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Allen Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

National Vietnam War Veteran's Day on March 29th

Mayor Bryan Milson read a Proclamation naming March 29, 2021 as National Vietnam Veteran's Day. The Proclamation was presented to citizen and Vietnam Veteran, Ervan Zouzalik.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the 2020-21 Street Improvements list by Utility Director Jack Pavlas.

Jack gave a slide presentation of the upcoming street improvements related to location and scope of the project. No action.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

3.1.2021.1 City Council to consider and take appropriate action on approving a contract with the Fayette County Elections Administrator to conduct the May 1, 2021 General Election for the City of Flatonia in substantially the same form as set forth in Exhibit A.

Ginny Sears made a motion to approve a contract with the Fayette County Elections Administrator to conduct the May 1, 2021 General Election for the City of Flatonia in substantially the same form as set forth in Exhibit A. Allen Kocian seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Catherine Steinhauser abstaining.

3.1.2021.2 City Council to consider and take appropriate action on approving a contract with the Flatonia Independent School District to hold a joint election with the City of Flatonia at the May 1, 2021 General Election in substantially the same form as set forth in Exhibit A.

Catherine Steinhauser made the motion to approve a contract with the Flatonia Independent School District to hold a joint election with the City of Flatonia at the May 1, 2021 General Election in substantially the same form as set forth in Exhibit A. Allen Kocian seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

3.1.2021.3 City Council to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution 2021.3.1 of the City of Flatonia, Texas, approving a corrected order of a General City Election to be held on the 1st day of May 2021, for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members, for two-year terms each; providing for election officers; designating the place and manner of

holding said election; providing for notice of said election and the conduct thereof; approving a joint election with Flatonia ISD; and providing an effective date.

Dennis Geesaman made the motion to approve Resolution 2021.3.1. Catherine Steinhauser seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

3.1.2021.4 Consider and take appropriate action on ordinance repealing Article 1.15, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Sections 1.15.031 through Section 1.15.046, inclusive of Division 2, entitled Economic Development Commission, Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances, as no longer necessary or advisable inasmuch as the citizens of the City of Flatonia did, on May 6, 2017, by special election, establish a 4B Economic Development Corporation, and establishing an effective date.

Dennis Geesaman made the motion to approve ordinance 2021.3.1 repealing Article 1.15, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Sections 1.15.031 through Section 1.15.046, inclusive of Division 2, entitled Economic Development Commission, Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the City of Flatonia Code of Ordinances, as no longer necessary or advisable inasmuch as the citizens of the City of Flatonia did, on May 6, 2017, by special election, establish a 4B Economic Development Corporation. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

3.1.2021.5 Consideration, discussion and possible action concerning award of the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded to BEFCO Engineering, Inc.

The planned project is for improved infrastructure under city streets. Catherine Steinhauser made the motion to award the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded to BEFCO Engineering, Inc. Seconded by Allan Kocian. None opposed. Motion carried.

3.1.2021.6 Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take appropriate action on the City streetlight system to include possible evaluation of the system to determine what, if any plans might result from that evaluation, and, if necessary, provide City Manager with direction on future planning.

City staff, including members of the Police Department, did a study of the streetlights throughout town and made some recommendations as to which areas would be improved by new or replaced lighting. Councilmember Dennis Geesaman recommended a policy be developed related to where and why streetlights are replaced or added as opposed to a list. City Manager Novo will work on such a policy.

Catherine Steinhauser made the motion instructing the City Manager and staff to begin a study of the City streetlight system and identify and forecast the necessary materials and manpower to implement such a system and that the information be provided by the June 2021 meeting before a budget workshop is held. Seconded by Dennis Geesaman. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Signed



**Bryan Milson
Mayor**

Approved this 13th day of April 2021.

Attest



**Heather Ambrose
City Secretary**

